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	First Named Inventor	Craig A. Branch
	COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
	Application Number	09/985,473-3670
	Filing Date	November 2, 2001
	Group Art Unit	3736
	Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

RADIO FREQUENCY SHIELD FOR NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE PROCEDURES

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto
OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 11/02/2001 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application No. 09/985,473-3670 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365 (a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.			
NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle (if any)) Craig A.		Family Name or Surname Branch	
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Given Name (first and middle (if any)) Joseph A.		Family Name or Surname Helpert	
Inventor's Signature <i>Joseph A. Helpert</i>		Date 1/18/02	
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Craig A. Branch, et al.

Application No.: 09/985,473-3670

Group Art Unit: 3736

Filed: November 2, 2001

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: RADIO FREQUENCY SHIELD FOR
NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE
PROCEDURES

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Advanced Veterinary Technologies, Inc., assignee of the entire right title and interest in the above-identified application by assignment submitted herewith, hereby appoints the members of the firm of Covington & Burling, a firm composed of:

Paul J. Berman	36,744	Ann O. McGeehan	45,839	Christopher N. Sipes	39,837
Kurt Geoffrey Calia	38,702	Jeannie M. Perron	31,180	Lee J. Tiedrich	42,184
Richard P. Dulik	40,598	C. Edward Polk	45,830	Henry P. Ting	46,278
Thomas W. Krause	40,335	Andrea G. Reister	36,253	Grady L. White	40,874
Scott B. Markow	46,899	David P. Ruschke	40,151	Anthony S. Yoo	45,540

as its attorneys with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

The assignee certifies that it has reviewed the assignment and to the best of the assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee.

Please direct all correspondence regarding this application to the following:

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For: Advanced Veterinary Technologies, Inc.

Name: [Signature]

Dated: 1-8-02

Title: President

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Craig A. Branch, et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 09/985,473

Filed/Issue Date: November 2, 2001

Entitled: RADIO FREQUENCY SHIELD FOR NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE PROCEDURES

Advanced Veterinary Technologies

(Name of Assignee)

, a

Corporation

Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.

The extent (by, percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. [x] An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

1-08-02

Date

Joseph A. Helpern

Typed or printed name

[Signature]
Signature

President

Title

ASSIGNMENT BY INVENTORS

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by Craig A. Branch; residing at 15 Ridge Rd,
Cornwall NY 12518; and
Joseph A. Helpert; residing at 51 Angela Rd Cornwall NY 12518,
(hereinafter referred to as Assignors);

WHEREAS, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in
RADIO FREQUENCY SHIELD FOR NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE
PROCEDURES, set forth in a Patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, already
filed on November 2, 2001 as U.S. application No. 09/985,473-3670; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Veterinary Technologies, Inc., a corporation having its
principal place of business at 366 Avenue of the Americas, New Windsor, New York 12553
(hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in
and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to
any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and
sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold,
assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over,
unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and
interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and
to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said
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AND for the same consideration, Assignors hereby represent and warrant to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, except for any rights, titles and/or interests that have arisen to Assignee under law or that have already been transferred to Assignee, Assignors are the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions and application for Letters Patent above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered and that Assignors have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth.

AND for the same consideration, Assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that Assignors will sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of any Letters Patent and applications for Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, whenever counsel of Assignee, or counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise: that any proceeding in connection with said inventions, or said Patent application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with any Letters Patent or applications for Letters Patent for said inventions in any country, including but not limited to interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable; or, that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent, or any reissue, reexamination or extension of any Letters Patent, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable.

AND Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to Assignee, as Assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon, for the sole use and benefit of Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

AND Assignors hereby grant the following individuals the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document:

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AND Assignors acknowledge an obligation of assignment of this invention to Assignee at the time the invention was made.

Craig A. Branch
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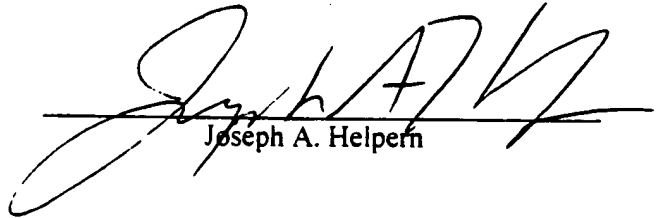
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United States of America)
State of New York) ss.:
County of Orange)

On this 20 day of December, 2001, before me
personally came Craig A. Branch, to me known to be the individual
described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution
of the same.

Jasmine Otero
Notary Public

JASMINE OTERO
Notary Public, State of New York
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Qualified in Orange County
Commission Expires Nov. 20. 2002


Joseph A. Helpert

Date: 12-20-01

United States of America)
State of New York) ss.:
County of Manhattan)

On this 20 day of December, 2001, before me
personally came Joseph A. Helpert, to me known to be the individual
described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution
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Mary C. Ali
Notary Public

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COUNTY OF RICHMOND
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 12/31/02

**Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(d) and 1.27(c)) -- Small Business Concern**

Applicant or Patentee: Craig A. Branch and Joseph A. Helpem
Appl. or Patent No.: 09/985,473-3670 Attorney Docket No. 026746.101-US00
Filed or Issued: November 2, 2001
For: RADIO FREQUENCY SHIELD FOR NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE PROCEDURES

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Advanced Veterinary Technologies, Inc.
ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 366 Avenue of the Americas, New Windsor, New York 12553

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 (d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☒ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c) if that person made the invention or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization (other than the small business concern identified above) having any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☒ no such person, concern, or organization exists.
☐ each person, concern, or organization is listed below.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
() INDIVIDUAL () SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN () NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 C.F.R. § 1.27)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Joseph A. HelpenTITLE IN ORGANIZATION PresidentADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING 51 Angela Rd, Cornwall NY 12518SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 1-08-02